

HOUSE BILL 1734

By Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 1, Part 5, relative to the Three Stars of
Tennessee Award.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-1-501(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(d) The homeland security council, created by Executive Order No. 8 of 2003, within the department of safety, shall:

- (1) Select the recipients of the Three Stars of Tennessee Award; and
- (2) Organize a ceremony in accordance with subsection (c).

(e) The commissioner of safety may, in collaboration with the homeland security council, promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this part. All rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in chapter 5 of this title.

(f) As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "In the line of duty" means in the course of employment and in the actual discharge of the duties of the position; and

(2) "Surviving next of kin" means the following persons in the order named:

- (A) The surviving spouse;
- (B) The oldest surviving child of the decedent;
- (C) The surviving parent or parents of the decedent;
- (D) The oldest surviving sibling of the decedent;

(E) The oldest surviving grandchild of the decedent; or

(F) A representative of the agency of government in which the peace officer served at the time of the officer's death, after attesting in writing that a good faith effort has been made to no avail to contact the individuals listed in subdivisions (f)(2)(A)-(E).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.